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19 July 1965

1. I met with Dick Helms, John Clarke, Tom Karamessines and Cord Meyer about the preparation of material for the briefing of the 303 Committee tomorrow. It was agreed that John Clarke will prepare an introductory statement on our total budget and then will identify that percentage which has a 303 impingement. After this Cord Meyer will explain our Covert Action activities which are of interest to the 303 Committee. This will be repetitive for the 303 Committee, but the objective is to do this in the presence of Charles Schultze, Director of the Bureau of the Budget, with the hope that the Committee will give strong support to continuing these programs without reductions. In the course of our meeting Dick received a note from McGeorge Bundy saying that tomorrow's briefing had been scratched. My scouts tell me that the staffers at the Bureau have persuaded Mr. Schultze not to participate in such a briefing. Hence, there is a good possibility it will never be rescheduled.

2. Bud Wheelon buzzed and his nose was quite out of joint because he had not been consulted before we listed Agency participation in OXCART among our lower priority activities. He and Jack Blake want to talk with me about this since they did not know about it and disagree with it. I told Bud that I would be glad to talk with him and that I would accept full responsibility for putting this in the low priority category as well as for any recommendations made by BPAM.

3. Emmett Echols was in to see me about the possibility of   Historical Staff using  who seems to have been a problem but who Emmett and  believe deserves another chance. I told Emmett I would have no objection to Ken using   if he had a slot, but I would not increase his ceiling or T/O in order to accommodate her.

4. Jack Earman showed me a tabulation of losses which have been considered by the Shortages and Losses Board. It is not all inclusive, however, since only those losses which were considered by the Board were listed. This indicates a necessity to systematize the reporting of all losses so that we will have all the information in one place. Jack assured me that  and his people have already started on this.

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5. I met with representatives of the DD/S and the DD/I to discuss what we should do immediately about the recruiting problem in NPIC. I decided that no formal relief in NPIC ceiling was necessary or appropriate at this time. They still have some eighty vacancies and have only gained seventy people within the past twelve months. I reasoned, therefore, that the basic issues about NPIC as summarized in the Inspector General's recent report should and could be decided before relief in personnel ceiling is necessary. I therefore charged the Director of Personnel and NPIC to make a concerted effort to bring the T/O up to authorized strength. I also asked for a weekly report of progress.

6. The Director buzzed to ask me to cancel the order for the Chrysler limousine and to explore the possibility of getting a Lincoln limousine. He has telephoned the Cadillac people to see if they would lease us a Cadillac limousine. Bob Bannerman told me that the Lincoln people would lease us a five-passenger sedan for \$750 a year.

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8. I talked to Dick Helms about a number of things.

a. The Director wants to start reviewing the 1967 budget next Wednesday. I told Dick that this was too soon and that I would contact the Director with a proposed schedule. I have asked John Clarke to get this to me promptly so that I can talk to the Director about it.

b. I left with Dick for his perusal the OXCART paper prepared by BPAM some time ago.

c. I talked with Dick about the difference of opinion between Stan Grogan and Sherman Kent about the new preface for Sherm's book. Dick is all for getting this book out and I will advise Stan and Sherm accordingly.

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d. I also talked with Dick about DD/S&T's proposal to continue [redacted] contract pilot. It was agreed that [redacted] should be given a reasonable length of time to meet all of the necessary qualifications in view of the operational necessity for retaining him but that after a reasonable length of time he should either qualify or be grounded.

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e. I have discussed with Dick, as well as with Paul Borel, the error which I believe DD/I made in appointing [redacted] the Acting Director of NPIC via a DD/I notice and without proper coordination with the Secretary of Defense.

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f. In philosophizing with Dick about the NPIC problem, organizational changes, etc., he asked me to give some thought to how we were going to handle this in the future. I told him that I, too, felt at the moment that the responsibility for approving organizational changes was rather diffused. We arrived at no finite solution, but I gather that his idea is for me to pick up two or three very competent people who could examine these things for me and avoid the creation of a large or permanent staff resembling the old Management Staff.

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[redacted] telephoned to say that he would like to come out and talk with me about a job. I told him I would give him a ring in a few days.

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